SIXTY-FOUR COLUMNS.

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THEY DON'T KNOW.

Admiral Sicard Replies to Secretary Long's Inquiry

FOR SOME NEWS OF THE CAUSE

Of the Maine Disaster to Satisfy the

ALL DEPENDS ON THE DIVERS.

officially as Disposing of the Reports That the Court Has Obtained Conclusive information on the Subject-Everything is Left in Doubt-The Investigation at Key West Closed - A Seamat Witness Tostifies That He was "Just

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4 .-Sharing the general anxiety for some information on this point, Secretary inet, sent a telegram to Admiral Sicard. the report of the court would be made and late to-night the following reply was received:

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:-HAVE TALKED WITH THE PRESI-DENT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY AND AGREE WITH HIM THAT IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO FIX A DATE FOR THE FINDING AS SC GRESS OF THE DIVERS AND THEY OBTAIN. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO ADVANCE THE INQUIRY, THE COURT RETURNS TO HAVANA BY THE MANGROVE THIS EVENING, HAVING ABOUT FINISHED THE EXAMINATION AT

Admiral Sicard's message is regarded Micially as disposing of the reports that the court has as yet obtained positive conclusive information bearing upon the object of their investigation.

(SIGNED)

lmony or discoveries of the divers will ne officers and crew of the ship having been insufficient to enable the court to ven form an idea as to what lines may e opened up from the investigation o

WHILE THE TELEGRAM WAS NATURALLY SOMEWHAT OF A THE TERMINATION OF THE IN-QUIRY AS MUCH IN DOUBT AS EVER, IT WAS WELCOMED AS PRACTICALLY SETTING AT REST THE REPORTS AS TO THE RE-SULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE.

It is stated that the board in all probbillity will not return to Key West, the department having intimated that it was its desire that the examination of the officers and men should be concluded at this sitting, as they are needed for reassignment to ships.

THE GOVENMENT END

Of the Maine Disaster-The Movements of WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4 .- At

ast there is a prospect of learning when the report of the court of inquiry in the made; that is, if the court itself is competent to pass an opinion on that point. A telegram has been sent to Captain ampson asking when it is expected here has been no response, and it may

consult first with his colleagues be-

WHEN THE REPORT WOULD COME.

It was said at the navy department
at the close of office hours to-day that
as the close of office hours to-day that
as word had come from Key West or
Havana, save the brief dispatches of the
past two days relative to the disposition
of the wounded men and dead bodies,
it is probable that the Olympia, flasship of the Asiatic squadron, and the
peerless queen of the cruisers, will come
to San Francisco. The navigation
bureau has this movement under donbureau has this movement under donbureau has this movement under con-ideration, and in view of the fact that the ship has been three years away from a navy yard, engaged in hard cruising service, even if there were no other reaa may yard, engaged in hard cruising service, even if there were no other reason, it is probable that the order will be given. The Olympia is a protected cruiser of extraordinary speed and enterance, with a battery strong enough to overpower almost anything short of a battleship, and speed enough to run away from that or anything else she does not care to fight.

The torpedo boat Winslow, at Norfolk, has completed her repairs and will join the flottlia at Key West, as soon as the gale on the coast blows itself out and makes the run down safe.

Navol officials are deeply interested in the reports of the purchase of warships by Spain, and make the reports of these transactions the text for complaints of by Spain, and make the reports of these spains, and make the reports of these the inability of our navy department to the linability of our navy department to the linability of our navy department of the linability of our navy department of the linability of our navy department of the Amazonas by Spain, it is said at the department that this vessel suiled for linability deveral months ago and had been differed to the Brazilian government. He shows the spain and the state of the Brazilian government, it shows the spain of the Brazilian government, it is shown that the state of the Brazilian government, it is shown that the Brazilian government, and their strong the Brazilian may; and their strong the Brazilian may; and their strong the cross the Atlantic and re-cross without concess the Atlantic and re-cross without c

the Science, Touton. These are small ut powerful little battleships. Their mage is only 3,162, but they carry our ten-inch rifles in turrets, in addition to two six-luch and four 4.7-inch

guns and a good secondary battery. Their coal endurance, however, is small, and their forte would seem to be coast defense operations, or cruising near a base of supplies.

The London reports also caused comment at the state department. In some quarters the feeling was expressed that pending the finding of a court of inquiry on a case having the international phases of the Maine explosion, the obligations of neutrality were as strongly imposed on Great Britain and Brazil as in time of war. The precedents apply onto a condition of war and not to conditions which may eventually lead to war. In the Geneva award, however, unfriendly acts by Great Britain prior to the breaking out of the rebellion constituted part of the case on which heavy damages were awarded against her. But, as a general rule, foreign governments are free to sell wareign governments are free to sell war-ships, either directly or through their tizens, up to the actual date of hostili-

es. Matters are very quiet, at least exter-ally. In the war department to-day

JUST "BLOWED UP"

gations of the Court of Inquiry-Can't Render a Decisive Verdict

KEY WEST, Fla., March 4-After court of inquiry left for Havana this evening on the lighthouse tender Mangrove. It is believed by the best informed here that the court will complete its labors in the Cuban capitol within ten days.

Only three of the six days the cour was here were devoted to the work of investigation. The inactivity of yesterday and to-day is still unexplained, except by a semi-official statemen that Rear Admiral Sleard was awaiting instructions from Washington.

sessions it is generally understood, developed no evidence by which the court could definitely determine the

cause of the explosion.

A NAVAL OFFICER IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT. SAID TO THE CORRESPONDENT: "WITH ONE EXCEPTION THE WITNESSES WHO TESTILIED HERE WERE MANNED." PTION THE WITNESSES WHO
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OUGH IN MOST CASES TAKING
NGER TO TELL CAN BE SUMDUP IN THE WORDS OF AN
ULSTED MAN WHO, WHEN
DGE ADVOCATE MARIN ASKED
M WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE
PILOSION REPLIED: SIR, I WAS WAS ALL THEY

E IMPORTANT FACT WAS RNED, HOWEVER, IT IS THIS: HOUGH THE MEMBERS OF COURT MAY HAVE THEIR ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT MAY HAVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL THEORIES, THEY ARE BY NO MEANS PREPARED AS A-EODY TO RENDER A DECISIVE VERDICT, THE OFFICER ALBEADY QUOTED SAID: "IF THE COURT HAS YET HEARD ANY TESTIMONY WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO DECIDE INTELLIGENTLY THAT THE MAINE WAS BLOWN UP FROM EXTERNAL CAUSES, I AM THE MOST MISTAKEN MAN IN THE WORLD."

Before the coming Havana session are over it may secure such evidence and possibly find the blowing up wa intentional. It will learn from the div ers the actual condition of the ship at ter the explosion as It learned from the survivors mos details of the ship's condition before th explosion. With these bases there ly established the court will hear expert theoretical testimony and the

reach a verdict." This statement can be taken as mor worthe of reliance than that of the Maine officer who said the other day he THE PACT THAT THIS INQUIRY HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE COURT BY SECRETARY LONG, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE CABINET. IS REGARDED AS PROOF POSITIVE OF THE CORRECTNESS OF THE STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE ALMOST DALLY FOR SEVERAL DAYS PAST BY MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IT FAD NO CONTROL OVER THE COURT. AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE REPORT WOOLD COME. It was said at the navy department at the close of the navy department.

On the Maine Wreck-No More Bodle

Have Been Recovered.

HAVANA, March 4.—The American divers, having examined more or less thoroughly the ward room of the Maine and the senior and junior officers mess rooms, are to-day trying to effect an entrance into the petty officers compartment, in the hope of finding some bodies there. . However, each day the belief grows stronger that few, if any more bodies will be recovered. Not one body was recovered to-day.

Captain Shaw, who is in charge of the Merritt and Chapman wrecking outfit appreciates the difficulties of the situation better than others. He will no specify any time when the big guns will be released. It is necessary to first to move the tops of the turrets. These are held in place by steel bolts, which musbe cut loose. The best informed people here think a month will clause before the turrets are opened

In the meantime work on the mindetails of the wreck will proceed with all

details of the wreck will proceed with all possible speed.

The correspondent has been officially informed that the United States lighthouse tender Mangrove with the naval court of inquiry on board will return here to-morrow morning. The discipline on board the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya is very high, which naturally gratifies the Spaniards.

Senator Proctor, General Fitzhugh Lee, Captain Sigabee and many other prominent Americans attended the corremony of decorating the graves of the Mainés dend to-day.

Maine's dead to-day.

A hurricane which swept over the pay
of Batabano, on the south coast of Calor opposite Havana, has done great damage. It destroyed a hut in which were quartered a number of soldiers belonging to the Castillan tattailon, killing two of the mon and wounding tweaty-five others. Thousands of trees were ewept away and the ships in the barbo were obliged to put hurriedly to sea in order to avoid being wrecked.

THIS IS HOT STUFF From a Cuban Filibuster-Says the Daunt-

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Emilie Nunez, promoter of the Cuban filibus tering expeditions, who has just returned to his home in this city from his recent trip to Cuba on the fillbustering steamer Dauntiess, was shown to-day the Washington dispatch which stated

grainers, that the Dauntless expedition was not successful and had failed to effect a landing.

Mr. Nunes shrugged his shoulders after the dispatch had been read to him and remarked that it is just as well that the Spanish authorities shall have that opinion regarding the Dauntless expedition, but evidently becoming more interested in the topic he continued: "My last expedition put into Cuba 700,000 bullets located at the end of 700,000 Mauser cartridges. And every one of these bullets is now being used to let daylight into the Spaniards who thick as Senor du Bose thinks. If Senor du Bose knows as much about my recent expedition as the Spanish authorities in Hayana know about the destruction of the Maine, and if Senor du Bose says that expedition was a failure, as the Havana authorities say the Maine blew up on her own account, then Senor du Bose is of the same stripe as the authorities in Hayana. as the authorities in Havana. His is a

llar."
Mr. Nunez expressed the opinion that the battleship Maine was destroyed "by Spanish officials, with their knowledge and by their hands."

Consul General Lee's Philanthropy.

WASHINGTON, March 4.- The only word received at the state department from Gen. Lee during the past twentyfrom Gen. Lee during the past twentyfour hours came in a short cablegram
received last night addressed to Assistant. Secretary Day. The consul
general had formerly notified the depariment that as one result of his efforts to ameliorate the condition of the
poor in Havana he had secured from
the Spanish authorities the use of a
large storehouse which he proposed to
use as an orphan asylum to shelter the
many little children left parentless by
the war.

Ordnance Work to be Die BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 4.-The army and navy officers now representng the United States government at the Bethlehem Iron Company's ordnance works, have received orders from head-quarters to be ready on twelve hours notice for service. Work on the gov-ernment contracts at the works is be-ing pushed as rapidly as possible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.-The Venezuelan legation has received the following cablegram "CARACAS, via Hayti, March 4.

"Venezuelan Minister, Washington,
"The uprising of no importance at
all. The government supported by the
whole country."

LATTIMER RIOTS.

The Defense Finally Closes its Case

gument Pegins To-Day. WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 4.-The defense in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies closed finally at 11 o'clock this morning after recalling some of the commonwealth's witnesses to ascertain whether, at the preliminary hearing last September, they testified that at the meeting of the strikers at Harwood on the night before the shootthey all agreed not to carry clubs of weapons of any kind. The commonwealth was given a short time to pre pare its plan of rebuttal testin

The commonwealth closed its case at few witnesses in rebuttal on unimport-ant points for most of the testimons they hoped to thus get before the jury

was ruled out by the court.

The defense submitted a number of points for the consideration of the court to prove that the sheriff had only been doing his duty and stating that there had been no evidence submitted to warrant a finding that the defendants wer an unlawful assemblage. The further point was made that it appeared from the evidence substantially without dis oute that the prisoners were lawfully aiding the sheriff as a posse duly ap-pointed, at the time Mike Ceslak, was killed and that their purpose was to disperse an unlawful assemblage, of which the deceased was one; that there

The evidence failing to identify the person who shot Mike Ceslak there can to conviction under the indictment,
Judge Woodward took the points and
will pass upon them later. Argument
will begin to-morrow.

Miss Willard's Will.

CHICAGO, March 4.- The will of the late Frances E. Willard was offered fo probate to-day. Most of the estate is

left to Miss Anna Gordon, but Miss Willard's home, in Evanston, is left to Miss Gordon and Mary Bannister-Willard during their lives and will reverteventually to the benefit of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The estate is estimated at \$17.000. \$17,000, of which \$15,000 is in real prop

CINCINNATI, O., March 4 .- The folowing are the scores of seven match bowling games played here to-day at the Ohio National Alleys on Clifton Avenue, between the Greater New York cam and the Royal team of Cincl Five men in each team, possible 1.50

First game-New York 878; Royal 808. Second-New York S5; Royal S85.
Second-New York S52; Royal 845. Third-New York S82; Royal 777. Fourth—New York S95; Royal 755. Sixth—New York S95; Royal 715. Sixth—New York S95; Royal 811. Seventh—New York S90; Royal 811.

Unrued to Death.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohlo, March 4.-Mrs. Nancy Powell, an aged woman residin lear Otway, this county, was burned to death last night as the result of her skirts catching fire from an old fash-loned fire-place. Her grand-daughter, Miss Flora Slade, was terribly burned in trying to save Mrs. Powell and will probably die.

Died for Gold.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4,-- A special o the Post-Disputch from Dallas says. News reached Dollas to-day from a mining camp in Gillesple county, 150 miles southwest of Dallas, that five miles southwest of Dallas, that five an were overcome by the foul gas in an old gold mine which they were ex-ploring. They were all dead before they could be rescued.

RECKLESS STORIES

Of Maine Affair Circulated by Sensational Papers

DISTURBED THE STOCK MARKET

For a Time, But the Industries and Trade of the Country Keep Moving Along in Spite of all Distractions-Failures Dar-February Smaller than any Other Mouth Except Three of the Previous 52 Mouths-Production of Pig Iron the Greatest Ever Known-Wheat Strouger and Exports Continue Large.

NEW YORK, March 4.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say in its issue to-morrow:

Stories of the most recklese sort, di proved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation in stocks much last week and at turbed the industries and the trade of the country at all. There is confider that the authorities are doing what is proper to provide for public defense and business is moving with the assurance that it will not be seriously dis-

In grain, cotton, most products and petroleum, markets have been strong, with gradual increases in the demand for manufactured products.

Fallures in February have smaller than in any other month ex-cept three of the previous fifty-two months, with remarkanic decreases in the failures for \$100,000 and over, though in number and amount the smaller failin number and amount the smaller failures show less change than might have been expected, indicating that in good times or bad a large proportion is due to causes apart from the general condition of business. The ratio of defaulted its little litt faulted liabilities to payments through clearing houses is but \$1.71 pe a lower rate than has appeare in the first quarter of any year except 1880 and 1881 of the past twenty-three

The best evidence of general improvement is the fact that payments through clearing houses for the past week have been 25.0 per cent larger than in 1892 and outside New York with its speculative interests, 17.6 per cent. Compared with last year the gain has been 56.2 per cent for the week and 49.8 per cent for February.

ever known, some new furnaces having started in the past month, but Besse-mer billets are so scarce at Chicago that some works are embarrassed and heavy purchases at Pittsburgh, including one of 25,000 tons, have stiffened the price so that Bessemer pig and local coke at Chicago are stronger than since November I, with grey forge unchanged at Pittsburgh. Foundry at the east is slightly lower, basic pig having been offered in the sharp competition at about \$10, though southern makers in Alabama and Tennessec, excepting two, have agreed upon a plan of sales through a commission. The demand for finished products covers work face for finished products covers work far ahead: in plates, structural forms, sheets, in plate since the advance in oil, and in ralls, with a Chicago sale for a Canada road to Alaska, but bar is weak with increasing use of steel, and tin plates are quoted at \$2.85, against \$4 for the same quality of foreign. Thi is stronger at 14.29 cents and lake copper at 11.87 cents.

The strike in cotton mills does spread, but helps to a slightly better demand for some goods, while in wool-ens the business is slow in some of the ens the business is slow in some of the finer qualities, which have beer much advanced in price, and in these and other grades as well as cancellations have often exceeded reorders, indicating less distribution than was expected at the advanced prices. Wool has yielded a little, the average of 100 quotations by Coates Bros, for domestic being 20.23 cents, against 20.82 cents February 1, and while yielding is thus far mainly in inferior qualities, stocks at least three years old are pressing for sale.

Wheat has grown stronger, exports continuing at a rate which threatens to exhaust the supply if trade reports of farmers' stocks are correct. From Atlantic ports 2,425,250 bushes went out, flour included, against 1,368,416 last which the decensed was one; that there was no conspiracy among them to do an unlawful act or to do an lawful act in an unlawful way. Therefore, the act of one cannot be imputed to the others. Each one is to be held abcountable only for what he himself did.

The evidence falling to identify the year.

year. Failures for the week have been 251 Failures for the week have been 251 The United States, against 246 last in the United States, against 246 last year, and 32 in Canada, against 59 last year.

ANDREW CARNEGIE TALKS

At Long Distance About the Possibilities of the Ship Building Advantages of this

Country. CLEVELAND, O., March 4.-This week's issue of the Iron Trade Review has the following important letter from Mr. Andrew Carnegie:

CANNES, France Feb 10 1902 To the Editor: May I call attention, through your columns to the field, which is open for a first class ship building yard upon the Hudson, East river of Lower bay, New York. The price pai for steel by British and German ship yards are so much higher than ship builders in New York would be require builders in New York would be required to pay that the difference would make in itself, an excellent profit. Plates an worth about \$22 or \$33 per ton in New York. The quoted price at Glasgot York. The quoted price are in new York. is nearly \$30. Other prices are in portion and all the woodwork of is also much cheaper with us. If a yard were built to-day with the newest a nnces, the total cost of labor, ev much higher wages, would be less the

Britain or Germany.

I name near New York the best for veral reasons: I—A shipyard there would get repair ork, which is always profitable.

2-A dry dock could be part of the pulpment, which would also be highly

I am satisfied that the United Stat can readily regain the supremacy in shipbuilding it had when wooden ships were in vogue. It only needs an entor-prising western shipbuilding concern to establish a yard near New York and

manage it with the skill and energy which have characterized those on the lakes. This is the only prominent department of manufacture in which our country is behind, and it is one in which it easily can obtain front rank. It would justify stest manufacturers to guarantee to such a shipbuilding concern a continuance of the present extremely low rates upon steel for a term of years, and also that steel of all kinds and armor and guns should always be furnished at the lowest price paid by European shipbuildings. But there is nothing to fear from the priors of steel, for these henceforth are to rule lower in our country than in any country of Europe. It will not be long before a larger portion of its steel supply must be drawn by Europe from the United States. If I were a younger man, or Father, if

drawn by Europe from the United States.

If I were a younger man, or rather, if I did not beiong to a concern which employs all my capital. I should be greatly inclined to enter upon the building of ships somewhere near New York harbor. There would be no warships or Atlantic liners open for bids in any part of the world which the New York yard would not have something to say about. Every needed element is present for regaining our supremacy as the principal ship building country. Surely some one of the successful lake concerns will consider the advisability of establishing a branch yard near New York—ab branch which I predict would very soon grow to many times the capacity of the original work and give much higher return upon capital, besides rendering its originator famous.

Yours very truly.

Yours very truly, ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Commenting upon the above, Mr. Robert Wallace, president of the Cleveland ship building company, said: "Notwithstanding the difference in wages between this country and Europe, there is, I believe, not the slightest doubt but that modern steel or Iron vessels can be constructed in New York or vicinity much cheaper than in any foreign country. Owing to recent great improvements in machinery used in building boats, and the cheapness of n building boats, and the cheapr steel the cost has been reduced until here is no longer a question as to our

there is no longer a question set our ability to build ocean going vessels of any class at a price which would defy competition.

"I consider a ship building yard in New York or vicinity, backed by a company with ample capital, one of the safest possible investments and with assumance of large prutiffs. rances of large returns.

I believe it will only be a matter of

a short time when American ships will be again supreme on the sear."

Mr. Luther Allen, treasurer of the Globe ship building company, said: "Ship builders have realized for some time past that there is a great field for the location of a large, modernly equipped ship yard on the Atlantic coast in the vicinity of New York. That such a plant could construct sea going vessels at less cost than is possible in Europe, there is little doubt, even taking into consideration the pauper wages paid European workmen. short time when American ships will

European workmen. the can sell steel rais and other steel products to Europe such as is now being done at a profit, there is no good reason why we cannot successfully compete with Europe in ship building, "The vessels of the merchant marine of many foreign countries, however, are granted subsidies, and until our government extends a paternal hand in the same directors for smertian chine. the same direction for 9merican ships, the industry will labor under a disad-

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Senate Passes Alaska Homestead Live WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.-Af.

ter a debate lasting several days, the senate late this afternoon passed the bil extending the homestead laws and proiding for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, Comparatively little discussion of general interest was created by the bill. Section 12, provid-ing for certain bonding concessions to Canada in lieu of privileges to be ex-tended by the Dominion government to lively debate, he it brought into the controversy the old fisheries question on the New England coast which has been pending between the United States and Great Britain for a hundred years. The statement was made on the floor of the senate that there was every reason to believe that by the passage of the bill, the fisheries question could be settled without great effort, as assurances to that effect had been received from a large and influential element in Canada.

sent to the President to-day, the sion bill and the consular and diple le bill, both of which went the their final stages in the he This was private bill day. The most important action taken was acquiescence in an agreement to make the bill appropiating about \$1,200,000 for war claims approved by the court of claims under the provisions of the Bowman act a special order for next Friday. The claims carried by the bill. 730 in number, are for stores and supplies seized during the war in the southern states.

Only two bills were passed to-day, one to pay the heir of Sterling T. Austin about \$69,000 for cotton seized during the war, and the other 50 pay an are This was private bill day. The m

the war, and the other 40 pay an ag-gregate of \$3,360,000 in small claims growing out of back pay, etc., carned during the war. The house then adjourned over unit! Monday,

Senate Confirmations

need Dispatch to the Intellige WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.-The engte to-day confirmed these nomina

tions: Soi Borliner, of New York, consul at Teneriffe, Canavy Islands, B. B. Brown, of Pennsylvania, collector customs, District of Eric, Pa.; E. Dorsey, of Indiana, supervising Inspector of Steam vessels, Sixth District; W. W. Cobbs, consul at Colon, Colombia; J. R. Spurgeon, of Kentucky, seerclary of legation at Monrovia, Liberia. Postmasters—West Virsinia, J. F. McCaskey, New Martinsville. Sot Borliner, of New York

Postmasters and Pension

recial Dispatch to the Intelligen-WASHINGTON, March 4.-Pensions ave been granted to West Virginia aplicants as follows:

esage, deceased, Lesage, \$17. Increase—Levi D. Allen, Point Pleas-int, \$12 to \$14; Julius R. Gibbs, Hartint, \$12 to \$14; dumbs in cibbs, first-ord, \$3 to \$12.
Widow—Lillie B. Lesage, Lesage, \$8.
West Virginia postmasters were ap-pointed to-day as follows: L. E. Long, Mam, Tyler county; Ralph Parkinson, Jiengary, Berkeley county; G. B. Al-ey, Lynn Camp, Marshall county; A. S. Woodyard, Reedy Ripple, Wirt county; S. C. Ray, Sigman, Putnam county

Restoration and increase-Francis J

Comtog to Wheeling to Force. ecial Dispatch to the Intelligences

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4,-TI worth League of the District of Colmbia, is agranging for a bin delegaon to attend the conference convention to be held in Wheeling, in June, It has been decided to charter special cars for the trip.

WILL NOT SCRAMBLE

But Will Ask The Republicans of the Second District for

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION.

Hon. George C. Sturgia of Morgantorys Makes a Candid Sintement of His Posts ton-Says He Has Been Urged to Enter the Bace for the Nomination by a Namber of Leaders in the Party-lie Endorses Hon. John W. Mason's Plan for the Selection of a United States Senator, but Claims the Peop & Want Judge tioff.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March Hon. George C. Sturgiss will be a candidate for the congressional nomination from the second district this year. The Intelligencer correspondent had a conversation with him to-day concerning the prominent mention his name has been given in connection with this ph sition, and to him Mr. Sturgiss formal-

ly amounced himself. Storgis that I have yielded to the request of my personal friends over the district my personant the honor at the hands of the next convention. Four years are my friends insisted that I should be a candidate and I stendilly refused to be so considered until within a week before the Elkins convention. Then, with no time to canvass the situation. I was pressed into the fight and defeated. Two years ago I was ilkewise approached, years ago I was ilkewise approached, the fourty in a short time. The murder was one of the men will be brought at the broader and the man will be thought at the proposed of the men of the murder was one of the ment convention. years ago I was ilkewise approached but I thought Mr. Dayton should be given a second term and retused to its ten to any overtures from those was

were not friendly to him.
"During the past several months I have had letters from a number of the leaders over the district, wrging me to enter the race for the nomination, and after deliberate consideration, I have resolved to do it. It is not my intention to make a scramble for it, but I intend to ask the Republicans of the district to give me this honor, and if they respond and nominate me. I shall lead their ticket with my best abilities, fading that on the great principles which our party represents and on the splep did record of the McKinley administration we cannot fall to succeed nex November."

nominate a candidate for the United

"I think the suggestion to hold such onvention a strong and an admirable do, and the election of a senator being of paramount importance to notice the Republicans of West Virginia, by to the Republicans of the whole coun-

want to elect Judge Goff to this posi-tion. He is West Virginia's favorite son and the south's favorite Republi-can, and it seems to me that it the Republican state executive committee Republican state executive committee would call a convention early in the summer for the purpose of nominating him it would be the most enthusiastic convention in years and would be the beginning of a campaign in which we would sweep the state."

"But would Judge Goff accept th omination?" the correspondent inter-

ear to the call of his party if it were made in this way. Judge Goff has said repeatedly he would not make a fight for the sensionship. In his present nosition he could not say anything else and even if he were not on the benef his party would not expect him to in out and make a fight for it. But I have assurances from several Republicans who have talked with him lately that he would respond affirmatively to the call of his party if it were made to him

ing from a multiplicity of candidates for the senatorship would be elimina-ted from the campaign and it would be waged upon national issues in an ag-gressive and dignified way. The party would thus be unified and harmonious, and, with the inimitable oratory of Judge Goff to inspire and enthuse the voters, we would have a rousing majur-ity when the votes are counted in No-vember."

HOTEL GRAHAM BURNED.

Cluefield, West Virginia Fire Depo ment Called on-Loss \$70,000. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WELCH, W. Va., March 4.-I. evening the Hotel Graham, at Graham Va. near here, was burned to the ya., near nee, was burned to the ground. In the afternoon a small blake started from a defective flue, but was quickly extinguished. The place was carefully examined and it was thought the fire was out. About two hours later flames burst from the southeast wing of the building and in a few minutes the entire building was a mass

see this fames.

The alarm was given, and a special train took the Buefeld, West Virgina fire department to the scene, but it was too late. The Hotel Graham was owned by the Graham Land and Interpretation of being the finest building of its kind between Roanoke and Commbus. It was bandsomy, furnished with a line of the superscene of t handsomely furnished with all nodern fixtures and convenienbuilding and its contents were entirely

destroyed.

The total loss on the building and furniture will exceed \$70,000, only partly covered by insurance.

HEALTH AND WEALTH on Seek the Latter and Invariably

the Former, CLARKSBURG, W. Va., March

William Leggett, of Upshur co whose brother made such a rich find the gold regions of Alaska, pass

the gold regions of Alacka, passed through here on his way to Southern California, in hopes of recuperating his failing health.

In speaking about the gold fields Mr. Leggett, who only returned a few weeks ago, said the public had not the itenticonception of the hardsaline, privation and trials attending upon existence there, that the very worst that has been said or written of it falls far short of the actual facts. He said that he went to Alaska a has been very feeble for months.

healthy robust man, and although he re-turned with about \$40,000 he was a phy-sical wreck, and would gladly give up every cent to be the man be formerly

YOUTHFUL THIEVES

Captured at Stenbenville-Part of the

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
SPEUBENVILLE, O., March 4.-The police made an important capture her late this afternoon. Herman Bucey and of this city, were arrested and confessed to having stolen \$970 from the residence to having stolen 3970 from the residence of C. G. Russell, a venerable and wealthy feed merchant on January 25.

The boys left here on February 3rd, and they have been enjoying a four of the state until last night, when they returned. Part of the money has been located and will be recovered! Russell lives alone and had the reputation of keeping large sums of money about the house. The money was taken from the clock, where the was kept.

SUPPOSED MURDERERS

Arrested in Oblo-Crime was Committed in Cabell County.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 4.-To-day Robert and Roscoe Mussey and John Boslick were arrested near Crown Caty, Ohio, by Constable Kennedy, charged with the murder of Rufus Schafer, two weeks ago, on Spurlock creek,

this county.

Deadly Sistersville Whisky.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., March George McCullough, an oil well driller dled at Hebron to-day. He had been ill for some time, went dow town to-day drank a lot of whisky, and was imme diately taken sick, and died. It is sup posed there was poison in the whisky There will be an investigation.

THE WIRE TRUST.

Consisting of the Steel Wire, Rod and Nail Manufacturers, Practically Conthe Affair

combination of the steel wire rod and nail manufacturers, which has been under consideration for the past six months, was practically consummated at a meeting held in the Walderf-As toria hotel in this city to-day. The combination will represent about \$50,-000,000 in capital. The name selected

600,000 in capital. The name selected for the combination is "The American Steel and Wire Company."

The largest steel wire and rod companies in the country to the number of fiteen, will be in the combination. Only five concerns engaged in the manufacture of steel wire red and nalls throughout the entire United States are not in the combination. Although Judge E. H. Gary, of Chicago, who is the leading man in the consolidation thus far would not consent to mention the names of the obdurate concerns, after the meeting, he said, however, that they are located in Oregon, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

There will be in all about 20,000 men employed by the new concern, but as the export trade of steel wire rod and nails is expected to be largely increased through the combination, it is likely be increased very materially future. The headquarters will be cated either in New York or Chicago. It is possible that the choice of thes two cities will be made at the meeting to-morrow when some final legal que tions relative to the new combination

are to be settled. The final meeting of the projectors of the combination will be held on April 1. At that time officers will be selected. George T. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, being named as the leading candidate for the

The interests to be represented in the

From Cleveland-The Cleveland Rollng Mills, American Wire Company, Horse Power Nail Company and

Ing Allis, American Wife Company and Baackes Works of the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company.

From Pittsburgh—The Oliver Snyder, Pittsburgh—The Oliver Snyder, Pittsburgh—The Consolidated, Rankin and Beaver Falls companies.

The other concerns are scattered through the states of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Massachusetts.

J. P. Morgan, of this city, Judge Gary stated, would be underwriters for a considerable block of the capital stock.

He also aunounced that it was the purpose of the projectors of the combine to provide steel wire rod and nails at a much lower figure than heretofore.

The concern, it is said, will produce about one million tons of wire annually from the beginning. It will operate its own mines which are located principality in the west and owned by several of the companies in the combine. ly in the west and owned by several the companies in the combine.

Hitch in the Wire Trust.

CLEVELAND, O., March 4.-It l stated that a hitch has occurred in the formation of the wire trust. Letters received to-day from Cleveland manu ceived to-day from Cleveland manufacturers who are attending the meeting in New York say that the chances for the consummation of the big combination are not nearly so favorable. It is hinted that those interested have failed to agree on terms. Another difficulty is said to be in the inability of the promoters to raise the necessary \$20.000,000 owing, in a considerable degree, to war tumors and general unsatisfactory speculative market.

Warmed to Death.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.-A special to the Post-Dispatch from Fort Worth, to the Post-Dispatch from Fort Worth, Texas, says: Four men were found dead in a refrigerator car to-day. Death resulted by gas from a fire built with coal. Six men, supposed to tramps, entered the car last night, closing the door behind them. Two of them escaped this morning in a dying condition, but were resuscitated by physicians. They were Charles Ryan and Jim Taylor. W. Remington is the name of one of the dead men. The other three are unknown.

General Rosecrans Dying LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 4.-Ger W.S. Rosecrans is reported to be dying at his ranch near Redona. The genera

AWFUL TRAGEDY

PRICE TWO CENTS

That Resulted in the Killing of Lake City Postmaster.

DECISION OF THE CABINET

Increasing the Reward for the Capture of the Murderers Postmaster Gen. Gary Makes a Statement of the Marder-Onof the Most Dasiardly Crimes Commit ted in a Civilized Community-The Postoffice Department will Prosecute the

Case to the Bitter End.

WASHINGTON, March 4 .- An hour or more of the time of the cabinet session was occupied in the reading of a long report from the special agent of the postoffice department on the killing of City, S. C. In view of the peculiar circumstances connected with the murder, and the enormity of the crime it was de-

and the enormity of the crime it was decided to increase the government's reward to \$1,500 in each case. Every effort
will be made by the federal authorities
to bring the guilty parties to justice.

The report on the case was presented
by Postmaster General Gary and the action taken by the cabinet in the offering,
of rewards for the apprehension and
conviction of the guilty persons is said
to be the most energetic ever agreed on
by any administration in a similar case.
It is probable that the postoffice department will detail other inspectors to assist
those now on the field in ferreting outthe murderers and the large amount of
reward offered, it is thought, will induce
private detectives to work on the case.
It is said that Attorney General Griggs
holds to the opinion that the federal
government will have jurisdiction over
the murderers when captured unless
they are first taken by the state authortites. Baker, it is held, was an officer
of the government in the discharge of
his duty and the attack on him was simillar to an attack on a deputy marshal
or other official.
Postmaster General Gary expressed

or other official.

Postmaster General Gary expressed the determination to do everything in his power to ascertain the identity of the guilty parties. In response to inquiries he made public the following statement

in regard to the case "The department is in possession of a preliminary, report from its representatives in regard to this sad tragedy from which a few details may be given. The widow of the murdered postmaster has been interviewed and her story in brief

is about as follows: is about as follows:
"They were awakened some time in
the early morning by the smell of fire
and smoke and upon rising found that
the house was in fames. Baker attempted to extinguish the fire, but soon discovered that this would be impos He then told his wife that he would go to the door and call for help. As soon as he opened the door, the firing began and a storm of bullets struck the door and suse. Mrs. Baker said that her hus band then fell on his liness and prayed for protection. The heat and smoke be-came so unbearable at length that they could no longer remain in the house. On

again appearing at the door, they were greeted with another volley of bullets. "The first one of the family to be kill-The first one of the family to be kill-ed was the baby in its mother's arms, a bullet striking it in the side. Mrs. Baker saw the wound and told her husband that the baby was killed. A second later he fell back against her, dead. She and the other children were struck by the bullets at this time or just as they escaped from the building. Mrs. Baker had the younger girls with her when they got out and they ran until they were exhausted and fell down. The older girls went to a neighboring field and remained there until they heard no more sounds from the vicinity of their home. Late at night all found shelter at the house of some of their colored friends.

saw men standing about the trees and bushes near the house but were unable to recognize any one.

Mrs. Baker is reported to be a small, frall woman about thirty-five years of age. She has a run shot wound in the left fore-arm and the bones are fractured. Rosa, the oldest daughter, aged about sixteen years, received a gunshot wound which broke the bones above the left elbow. Cora, the next girl, was shot in the right hand and wrist. A son, about cleven years of age, has one serious wound in the abdomen and another ous wound in the abdomen and another wound in the right fore-arm, both bones of the arm being broken and badly shattered. His condition is serious and he is not expected to live. Two very young girls, completing the family, escaped unhurt.

"It is needless for me to add that the

administration, together with all good clitzens of the country in whatever sec-tion they may reside, fully appreciate the enormity of the crime which has the enormity of the crime waten has been committed not only against this un-offending man and his family, but against the government as represented by the postmaster, and I assure you that the poetoffice department, in co-opera-tion with the department of justice, will do everything in its power to apprehand convict the men who committed this terrible outrage. Both of the depart-ments mentioned are using every means in their power to the end that justice may be meted out to the criminals

Insane Woman's Deed COLUMBUS, O. March 4.-At 3 a, m. COLUMBUS, O., March 4.—Ac & m. to-day Mrs. Olga Demorest. Grove City, twelve miles from Columbus, took the life of her 4-year-old son Arden with a razor and was proceeding to murder her husband, who was too ill to resist, and the family, when a servant girl raised the neighbors and tha insane woman was overpowered. Her husband was a teacher out of employhusband was a teacher out of employ-ment, and the wife recently showed evi-dence of approaching insanity.

te Pleased Luctgert. CHICAGO, March 4.- Wife murderer

CHICAGO, Marca 4. Whe muster-Luctgert has been told the task select-ed for him during his life imprison-ment. It is the intention of the Joliet penitentiary officials to manufacture sausage for use in the big, prison, and Luctgert will be given charge of the work. The information pleases Luct-gert. Marements of Steamships

Wenther Forecast for To-Day. For Western Pennsylvania and Ohlo, fair Saturday: light northerly winds, be-coming variable. For West Virginia, fair Saturday; north-west to west winds.

Local Temperature

QUEENSTOWN-Rhynland, lelphia for Liverpool and proce LIVERPOOL - Campanian,